

MOTION:

**January 12, 2021
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 21-**

SECOND:

RE: ACCEPT, BUDGET, AND APPROPRIATE \$265,313 IN ONE-TIME FEDERAL STATE OPIOID RESPONSE REVENUES TO RECONCILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD'S COUNTY BUDGET TO ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND REALLOCATE \$89,993 IN CONTRACT FUNDS

ACTION:

WHEREAS, Community Services (CS) is required to reflect accurate revenue projections; and

WHEREAS, CS must request an increase in budget authority so that additional funds can be expended; and

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), operating under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has provided funding to states to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for individuals with an opioid use disorder; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) has allocated two time-limited SAMHSA State Opioid Response (SOR) awards to Community Services (CS); and

WHEREAS, DBHDS has awarded CS \$70,000 in SOR-Prevention funds to CS to pursue various strategies to prevent opioid misuse and abuse, as well as methamphetamines and stimulant use; and

WHEREAS, CS recommends using the \$70,000 to develop and air public service announcements; for medication disposal pouches and locking pill caps; for print materials to be included in pharmacy bags and meal distribution boxes with information about safe use of prescriptions and over the counter drugs; and other one-time purchases; and

WHEREAS, DBHDS requested CS submit a two-year application for SOR Grant II – Peer Recovery funding and has awarded CS \$195,313 for the period October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, and CS anticipates receiving a second year for the period October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, also in the amount of \$195,313; and

WHEREAS, this reconciliation item requests approval of the first year of SOR Grant II – Peer Recovery funding; and

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WHEREAS, due to the time-limited nature of the SOR Grant II – Peer Recovery funding, CS recommends hiring two temporary peer support specialists to be linked with the Adult Substance Abuse program and work with referred clients on increased engagement and retention activities; and

WHEREAS, DBHDS has agreed to management fees for the Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office (NVRPO) and CS for the management of state-funded crisis stabilization contracts; and

WHEREAS, CS recommends reallocating \$89,993 in existing contract funding for the creation of a full-time quality improvement specialist to improve documentation requirements stemming from the ongoing DBHDS response to the federal Department of Justice Settlement agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Community Services Board recommended approving these items at its November 19, 2020, and December 17, 2020, meetings; and

WHEREAS, there are no local funds required in accepting these funds or creating the Full-Time Quality Improvement Specialist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby accepts, budgets, and appropriates \$265,313 in one-time federal state opioid response revenues to reconcile the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Services' County budget to anticipated revenues and reallocates \$89,993 in contract funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby approves a one-time increase for the Department of Information Technology in the amount of \$10,212 related to the two temporary peer support specialists and an ongoing increase of \$5,106 related to the Quality Improvement Specialist;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby adds the following full-time position:

Add Permanent Position:

Quality Improvement Specialist	Grade C43	TBD	1.0 FTE
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Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Community Services Board, Executive Director

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board



STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date:	January 12, 2021
Agenda Title:	Accept, Budget, and Appropriate \$265,313 in One-Time Federal State Opioid Response Revenues to Reconcile the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Services Board’s County Budget to Anticipated Revenues and Reallocate \$89,993 in Contract Funds
Requested Action:	Approve the resolution and accept, budget, and appropriate funding.
Department / Agency Lead:	Community Services
Staff Lead:	Lisa Madron, Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community Services receives funding from a variety of sources, including local, state, federal, Medicaid, commercial insurance, and client fees. Budget adjustments are required to reconcile the Community Services (CS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 budgeted revenues with anticipated revenues so CS will have the expenditure authority for these funds.

The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) notified CS of \$70,000 in one-time federal State Opioid Response (SOR) funds for prevention-related activities. DBHDS also awarded CS \$195,313 in federal State Opioid Response Grant II funds for peer recovery services. This appropriation item approves one year of State Opioid Response Grant II funding; it is anticipated the State Opioid Response Grant II funds will be extended for an additional year and CS will return with a request for appropriation of the second-year funding once notification is received.

In addition to the Federal SOR funds, CS has worked with the Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office (NVRPO) on the coordination of the region’s contracted crisis stabilization programs that are fully funded with state revenues. As the NVRPO finalized its funding plan with DBHDS, management fees for state-funded programs have been revised and, as a result, CS is now allowed to re-allocate \$89,993 in current funding for management expenses. Since the management of the crisis stabilization programs are administered by existing positions, staff recommends allocating the \$89,993 to create a new Quality Improvement Specialist to enhance administrative oversight in CS.

It is the recommendation of staff that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors accept, budget, and appropriate \$265,313 in one-time federal State Opioid Response revenues to reconcile the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Services Board’s county budget to anticipated revenues and reallocate \$89,993 in contract funds.

BACKGROUND

Funding Sources

CS receives funding from a variety of sources, including local, state, federal, Medicaid, commercial insurance, and client fees. DBHDS distributes a total of \$14.6 million (\$12.3 million state and \$2.3 million federal) to the Prince William Community Services Board for services covered in the Performance Contract. DBHDS Performance Contract funds include both on-going and one-time awards. In addition to the funds directly distributed by DBHDS, additional state funding is distributed to CS for regional collaboration efforts.

Budget Adjustments

Budget adjustments are required to reconcile the CS FY21 budgeted revenues with anticipated revenues. None of these actions will increase local funding.

Approval Process

The Prince William Community Services Board (PWCSB) approved the State Opioid Response Grant II funds and \$65,000 of the SOR Prevention funding at its November 19, 2020, meeting. DBHDS notified CS of an additional \$5,000 in SOR Prevention funding and the PWCSB approved this increase and the reallocation of contract funds at its December 17, 2020, meeting.

State Opioid Response (SOR): The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), operating under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has been providing funding to states to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for individuals with an opioid use disorder. (Common types of opioid use disorders include illicit use of prescription opioids, heroin and fentanyl.) Both awards fall under the federal SOR program and the Performance Contract with DBHDS has been amended to include two new Exhibits to document expectations, funding restrictions, and reporting requirements.

SOR - Prevention: CS recommends appropriating the \$70,000 in one-time federal funding to pursue various strategies to prevent opioid misuse and abuse, as well as methamphetamines and stimulant use. More specifically, \$20,000 will be used to develop and air public service announcements on cable stations, \$15,000 will be used for medication disposal pouches and locking pill caps, and \$10,000 will be used on print materials to be included in pharmacy bags and meal distribution boxes with information about safe use of prescriptions and over the counter drugs. Remaining funds will be spent on medication lock boxes; coalition member and staff training; printing and postage to mail Narcan to REVIVE! (a state sponsored opioid overdose and naloxone education program) participants; and miscellaneous items to promote the KnowRx website and other outreach messages.

State Opioid Response Grant II – Peer Recovery: DBHDS requested CS submit a two-year proposal for treatment options related to SOR peer recovery funding and CS recommended hiring two temporary peer support specialists whose authorization would expire after the funding period. Since DBHDS, as a state agency, is unable to obligate funding past the current fiscal year, CS has received approval for one-year of funding at \$195,313 and anticipates a second year of funding (for the period 10/1/2021 through 9/30/2022) also at \$195,313. Once the approval for the second year of funding is received, CS will add the funding to a future reconciliation item. This reconciliation item only seeks approval of the first year of funding of \$195,313.

These two temporary peer positions will augment the peers in the Support, Outreach, Advocacy and Resources (SOAR) program. The SOAR program began as a federally-funded pilot program and was replaced with County funding in the FY 2021 budget process due to the unpredictable nature of the federal funding.

The two peer support specialists will be linked with the Adult Substance Abuse program and work with referred clients on increased engagement and retention activities, which are critical measures of the DBHDS dashboard. Peer specialists provide support and encouragement throughout the recovery process. They assist clients in connecting with treatment, linking to community agencies and resources and help facilitate wellness and recovery. They also provide support for client recovery efforts through social engagement. The peer specialists will focus on individuals using opioids and/or stimulants, which is a new category prioritized in the second phase of SOR funding. In addition, the peer support specialists prioritize clients seeking medication assistance treatment.

Crisis Stabilization: CS directly receives \$1,987,095 from DBHDS to manage contracted crisis stabilization programs and NVRPO provides an additional \$173,826 to supplement these programs. As NVRPO developed its management budget with DBHDS, management fees were approved by DBHDS for NVRPO and CS for the crisis stabilization programs. CS manages these contracts with existing staff and recommends reallocating \$89,993 in current contract funds to create a full-time quality improvement specialist.

The quality improvement specialist has been a high priority need for CS for several years. The need for this position has increased as DBHDS resolves the federal Department of Justice settlement agreement. Though the Community Services Boards are not direct parties to the settlement agreement, DBHDS has developed a series of requirements for CSBs related to clients with a developmental disability. Failure to meet these requirements can jeopardize existing funding. Examples of requirements include ensuring consistency of data in multiple systems, providing monthly case management to clients with a developmental disability waiver designation, and documentation of physical/dental exams, community engagement, employment, and other measures. Due to the increased complexity of documentation requirements, CS recommends an additional quality improvement specialist that can prioritize internal reviews of these measures and provide support to the Developmental Services Case Management program in identifying opportunities to streamline compliance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors accept, budget, and appropriate \$265,313 in one-time federal State Opioid Response revenues to reconcile the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Services Board's county budget to anticipated revenues and reallocate \$89,993 in contract funds.

Service Level / Policy Impact

- The \$70,000 in one-time funds in SOR Prevention funding will be used to support the Behavioral Health Wellness Services team provide activities to the targeted 280 students and parents during FY21. Not included in this count are the residents who will see the public service announcements or receive various promotional items intended to reduce opioid, methamphetamine or stimulant use.
- The two temporary peer support positions are intended to interact with a total of 50 clients annually and the impact will be monitored through clients engaging and remaining in services.
- The quality improvement specialist will improve documentation requirements of the 1,103 clients targeted to be served in Developmental Services Case Management during FY 2021.

Fiscal Impact

Approval of this item will increase the FY 2021 CS budget by \$265,314. However, no local costs will be incurred by the County by approving these items. Both SOR awards are for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Funds unexpended at the time the grants expired shall be returned to DBHDS.

Staffing Impact

- Due to the anticipated two-year nature of the SOR Grant II funds, CS recommends using temporary employees to increase peer recovery capacity. Recruitment materials and other documentation will note the temporary positions are authorized only for the duration of federal funding.
- The quality improvement specialist will be located within the Quality Improvement Services program. The program currently has four FTEs and approving the position increases total staffing to five FTEs. This program supports the department's adherence to numerous requirements from various authorities, such as Licensing, the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, DBHDS and many others.

Legal Impact

The Board of County Supervisors has the legal authority to accept, budget, and appropriate funding.

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